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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 RENAISSANCE VINEYARD AND WINERY, YUBA COUNTY**

Regional Board staff has reviewed your 16 September 2005 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and additional information submitted 14 December 2005 for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. The RWD included a Notice of Non-Applicability for compliance with the storm water General Permit and an \$872 filing fee. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed) is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors, including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of grapes crushed and wastewater produced.

#### Discharge Description

Fellowship of Friends, Inc. owns the land on which Gideon Beinstock operates Renaissance Vineyard and Winery. The winery is located on a 255-acre parcel (Parcel No. 048-220-094) at 12587 Rices Crossing Road in Oregon House, Yuba County and contains a total of approximately 50 acres of wine grapes. The winery previously crushed up to 30 tons per year over the past two years and plans to crush a maximum of

70 tons of grapes producing approximately 4,550 cases of wine annually. The Discharger has estimated that a maximum of 35,000 gallons of winery process wastewater will be produced on an annual basis.

The winery wastewater is collected by a series of two floor drains equipped with stainless steel sieves. These floor drains are connected to a single drain pipe which in turn connects to a 2,500 gallon holding tank situated outside the winery facility. From the holding tank, wastewater can either be fed into the irrigation system or pumped to an existing 10,000 gallon holding tank located above the winery facility. Once the tank is 75 percent full, the wastewater will be automatically pumped through the sprinkler irrigation system to six acres of the vineyard. If rain is predicted, the wastewater will be directed to the 10,000-gallon holding tank instead of the irrigation area.

The Discharger has estimated that approximately seven tons of grape stems and solid processing waste (grape skins, seeds, stems, and lees) and approximately 15 tons of pomace will be produced yearly,

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assuming that 70 tons of grapes are crushed each year. This solid waste will be evenly applied to six acres of the vineyard.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD and subsequent information provided by the Discharger, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the projected volume of wastewater and process solids produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual monitoring report that contains the information described in Items No. 2 and 5 of the monitoring and reporting program must be submitted by **1 February** of each year.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the volume of waste increases beyond 35,000 gallons per year, or the method of winery wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with a filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark List at (916) 464-4732.

--Original Signed By--

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Executive Officer

enc: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc: w/o enc Paul Donaho, Yuba County Environmental Health Department, Marysville